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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the nonfinal Office Action dated May 16, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.